

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
13 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

1. Cairo's semi-official Al-Ahram says today that Boumedienne's current trip to Moscow was undertaken with Nasir's blessing. According to Al-Ahram, Boumedienne is representing a number of Arab states during his talks with the Soviets.

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2. [REDACTED] there is growing uneasiness and dissatisfaction among the educated middle-class Libyans with the silence and inaction of the Libyan Government and the virtual breakdown of communications between the government and the people. This situation [REDACTED] is an obvious opening for a military takeover, especially since the military is in effective control of the country under emergency regulations.

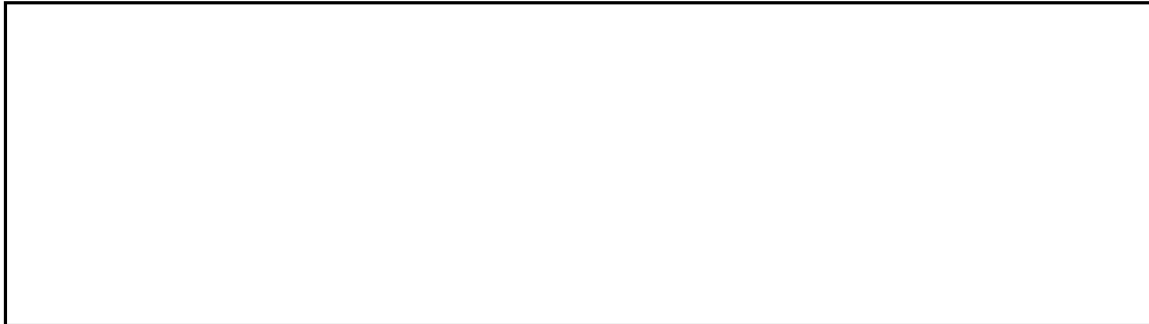
3. Yugoslavia is preparing to break diplomatic relations with Israel, according to the acting Yugoslav consul general in New York. This would be in line with the diplomatic and propaganda support given Nasir by Tito throughout the Middle East crisis.

4. As of 12 June, the Jordanian Government estimated that the number of refugees who have crossed the Jordan from the West Bank is from 35,000 to 50,000. Also as many as 50,000 have left East Bank refugee camps and gone to Amman. It is not known if any refugees

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have returned to the West Bank from the East Bank.



6. The Getty pipelines in Kuwait have been repaired

and production has been resumed.

7. The situation in Aden is just about normal -- that is, 18 incidents in the last 24 hour period. Anti-British demonstrations have taken place recently in the states of the Federation, including an armed attack on a British Residency. In one state rioters stormed the political resident's house and forced him to flee to his roof. The crowd carried a rope with which they threatened to hang the resident to his own flagpole. British troops in other places discouraged demonstrations.

8. The Nasir regime appears to have rapped the knuckles of the editors of Cairo's Al-Akhbar for printing yesterday's critical commentary on the weak-kneed performance of the USSR. Today the paper prints an article lauding the principled stand of the USSR and the Communist countries, ending with the statement that it did not deny the "USSR's sincere cooperation in the phases of our struggle." Today's Pravda attacks the "reactionaries" in Egypt who are "slandering" the USSR, an indirect but obvious rebuttal to Al-Akhbar's earlier edition.

9. UPI says today that, according to informed sources, the government of Premier Sulayman has offered Nasir its resignation "to give him a free hand in Egypt's postwar reorganization."

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Supplement to
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1. Despite their frustration over the outcome of the war and their initial resentment toward Moscow's limited role therein, some Arab officials apparently see a need for drawing even closer to the Soviets.

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This feeling of estrangement could prove transitory, however, as the Communist states continue working hard to erase their tarnished image by providing more material aid while pilloring the West, the traditional scapegoat in the Arab world. There are some tentative indications in the Egyptian press that the process of forgiving the USSR is already underway.

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4. Israel has begun to include the newly-occupied territories in its regular national weather forecasts, and Arabic place-names are apparently being changed. Sharm ash-Shaykh, for example, is now being referred to as "Solomon's Bay". The embassy in Tel Aviv reports a local rumor to the effect that Israel plans to exploit Sinai oil wells, since Sinai production is just equal to Israel's consumption. The Israeli petroleum commissioner has confirmed that the oil areas are under Israeli control, that guards have been posted, and that the question is under consideration, although he added that Israel currently has no facilities, either to operate the wells or to transport the crude.

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5. According to Israeli officials, Israeli penetration into Syrian territory is not very deep, embracing an average area of 12 to 13 miles in depth, which is just enough to keep Syrian artillery out of range of Israeli border settlements. The ceasefire line runs north from the junction of the Israeli/Lebanese/Syrian border, and the Israelis have no intention of moving further into Syria. The Israelis also deny that there are Soviet POW's in Israeli hands

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6. Press reports out of Damascus indicate that the Arab League Central Boycott Office is considering sweeping measures to ban British and American goods and firms from Arab countries and withhold oil from any country helping Israel. In Morocco, however, the Trade Union

Federation today lifted its boycott of British and American shipping in Casablanca harbor launched last week. In Beirut, dockworkers on 12 June refused to unload a small cargo of American wheat and rice, even though it was not carried on an American ship. A small detachment of the Lebanese army was sent to the dock area, where it compelled the workers to unload the cargo.

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10. Reports of Suez Canal damage, heretofore limited to vague references to sunken tugs and barges, are becoming more specific -- and serious.

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The US Navy reports that it will take ten days to clear sunken ships at Port Said.

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12. Tunisian President Bourguiba has informed the American ambassador that he does not believe the charges of direct American military intervention on behalf of Israel. Nevertheless, the Ambassador reports, there is a profound conviction on all sides that the US, and to a lesser extent the UK, have provided Israel with the sinews of aggression, and that Israel would have received US armed assistance if the battle had gone the other way. Tunisia intends, however, to adhere to its moderate and realistic policies.

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14. Yugoslavia today joined the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, and Hungary in breaking relations with Israel.

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17. Pravda has accused China and Albania of spreading "anti-Soviet lies" about Russia's role in the Middle Eastern war. Pravda's Cairo correspondent said that Chinese diplomats in the UAR, along with Peking and Tirana radios, were involved in these distortions.

18. From the beginning of the conflict, Peking has charged that the war was a result of "US-Soviet collusion," and has claimed that the USSR's failure to act revealed its lack of revolutionary ardor. The Pravda article indicates that these charges have become sufficiently bothersome that an answer was in order. China has been attempting to capitalize on Arab criticism of the USSR's failure to act during the hostilities but Moscow is aware that China does not have the assets to make any substantial gains because of the present tarnishing of the Soviet image.

19. In response to a request of the Soviet Union, the Security Council met again this afternoon. Prior to the meeting the Soviet Foreign Ministry and the Mission to the UN has already begun to sound out a number of foreign emissaries concerning their willingness to support a Soviet proposal to call a General Assembly session to discuss the Arab-Israeli problem.

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Soviet officials are indicating that the primary purpose of such a session would be to treat the subject of "Israeli aggression", and the problem of withdrawal from occupied territory to armistice lines.

the Soviet efforts in the UN are a part of Moscow's vigorous diplomatic effort not only to reverse Israel's military gains, but to enhance Soviet prestige and influence among the Arab states.

20. How quickly and how effectively Moscow can work through the Assembly to achieve what it has failed to achieve in the Council is difficult to say --

there are, to begin with, some complicated procedural issues.

Background to the Soviet UN Tactics

21. Pursuant to the 1950 Uniting for Peace resolution, an emergency special session of the General Assembly may be called at the request of a majority (9) of the Security Council, or, of a majority of the UN members. The session shall be convened within twenty-four hours of the Secretary-General's receipt of the request for the session, and the UN members must be given twelve hours notice of the opening of the session.

22. The Uniting for Peace resolution is applicable when the Security Council has been prevented from taking action on a threat to the peace "because of a lack of unanimity among the permanent members." It is unclear whether it could be construed to apply to the present situation in which the USSR's resolution calling for condemnation of Israel and withdrawal of its forces is unlikely to command majority support in the Council.

23. The USSR could call a special session of the Assembly, as distinct from an emergency special session, but the procedure is more time-consuming. Either a majority of the Security Council or of the UN membership may request a special session, which will be held within fifteen days of the Secretary-General's receipt of the request. However, the members must be given fourteen days notice if the special session is requested by the Security Council and ten days notice if the request is from a majority of the UN membership.

24. Under Articles 12 of the Charter, the Assembly cannot make recommendations regarding any dispute or situation with which the Security Council is seized. Moreover, even if operating under the Uniting for Peace resolution, any action which the Assembly might take would require the vote of two-thirds of the membership.

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